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14 in South Kanara have since been discharged for want of vacancies and are awaiting re-appointment. The delay in the re-appointment of the candidates in Malabar is due to the fact that Government abolished 104 clerical posts in the Registration department in that district consequent on the introduction of the photostat system of copying documents and directed that the incumbents should be absorbed in other offices in the district. In Malabar and South Kanara many clerks in the Settlement department have been discharged after completion of the work for which they had been engaged and they have to be re-employed in vacancies arising in the respective districts.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is not possible to select a lesser number of candidates every year so as to only cover the actual demand in the course of the particular year? "

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER :—" I understand the Public Services Commission selects the number of candidates on receipt of a requisition from the Collectors as to their requirements during the year and I cannot say that any other system would be possible."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT :—" Does not the very fact that 602 candidates have become age-barred, show that the number is far in excess of the requirements? "

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER :—" It does not follow at all. If the hon. Member will read the answer carefully he will find that a number of candidates became ineligible on account of age or other causes. Most of the other candidates were appointed."

Proportion of appointments reserved for the depressed classes according to the communal rotation Government Order.

* 623 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the ratio is of appointments reserved for the depressed classes in accordance with the Government Order prescribing communal rotation in the matter of appointments;

(*b*) whether such a ratio is based on the basis of the population of the depressed classes;

(*c*) whether any representation was received by the Government for the increase of appointments for the depressed classes; and

(*d*) if so, what was done thereupon?

A.—It is presumed that by the term " depressed classes " the hon. Member refers to " scheduled classes, " who alone are now recognized as a separate unit for purposes of the communal rule.

(a) One out of every twelve appointments.

(b) No.

(c) & (d) No representation has been received by Government. But the Andhra Provincial Depressed Classes Federation, Ellore, which waited on His Excellency the Governor at Ellore on the 8th February 1935 requested *inter alia* that the proportion be raised to 3 out of 12. Government, however, decided that it is undesirable to reopen the question of the communal rule.

Cinchona

Supervision by the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Cinchona) of the Dodabetta and Naduvattam plantations and the Anamalais since 1933–34.

* 624 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of superintendents for the Dodabetta and Naduvattam plantations and Anamalais employed by the Government;

(b) the number of visits made by the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Cinchona) to supervise the work of superintendents in each of the years from 1933–34; and

(c) the travelling allowance drawn by the officer during the last three years?

A.—(a) 2.

(b)	In 1933	8
	In 1934	9
	In 1935	11
		RS.
(c)	In 1933	1,274
	In 1934	1,810
	In 1935	574

Electricity

Tenders for the construction of high tension transmission line from Mettur-Singarappet to Vellore and from Mettur to Erode.

* 625 *Q.*—B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Engineer for Electricity has invited tenders for the construction of 66/110 K.V. high tension transmission line from Mettur-Singarappet to Vellore and from Mettur to Erode;

(b) the total estimated cost of this transmission line;

(c) whether the time of putting in tenders was first mentioned as 3rd January 1936 and later cut short to 3rd December 1935;